(b) what is the amount so far provided by Central Government for this project at the end of March, 1987;

(c) whether there is any proposal to provide more financial assistance to the State Government for this project;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) The total expenditure incurred on Teesta Barrage Project in West Bengal upto end of March, 1987 is Rs. 243.19 crores and the anticipated expenditure on the project during 1987-88 is Rs. 30 crores.

(b) Central assistance is given to the States in the form of block loan/grant and is not tied to any sector of development or any individual project. However, a special Central assistance of Rs. 5.00 crores during 1983-84 and an advance Plan assistance of Rs. 15.00 crores during 1986-87 was provided to Teesta Barrage Project.

(c) to (e) No such proposal has so far been received from the State Government during 1987-88.

West Bengal request for Financial Assistance for Teesta Barrage Project

1273. DR. R. K. PODDAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal have demanded atleast 30 per cent financial assistance from the Central Government for Teesta Barrage Project;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the response of the Central Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) There was a request from the Government of West Bengal for additional Central assistance in 1983 of Rs. 20 crores for the year 1983-84 and in 1985 of Rs. 96 crores for the Seventh Plan period for the Teesta Barrage Project.

(c) Special Central assistance of Rs. 5 crores for the year 1983-84 and advance plan assistance of Rs. 15 crores for the year 1986-87 were provided for this project.

भारतीय मूल के अधिसंख्यक लोगों वाले देशों के साथ संबंध

1274. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :**
श्री राम चन्द्र विकल :

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) सरकार उन बाहरी देशों के साथ जहां अधिकांशत: भारतीय मूल के व्यक्ति बड़ी संख्या में हैं जिनके भारत के साथ पुरातन सांस्कृतिक, भाषाई और परम्परागत संबंध हैं, संबंधों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) क्या इन देशों में स्थित भारत के दूतावासों तथा वाणिज्य दूतावासों में राजभाषा का प्रयोग किया जा रहा है तथा सांस्कृतिक और परम्परागत संबंधों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए किस भाषा का प्रयोग किया जा रहा है?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुवर्ड फलेरियो): (क) विदेश स्थित भारतीय मिशन विदेशों में रहने वाले भारतीय मूल के व्यक्तियों के साथ सम्पर्क बनाए रखेंगे और उन्हें विकसित करेंगे तथा उन लोगों को हर संभव सहायता देंगे ताकि वे भारत के साथ अपने सांस्कृतिक और परम्परागत सम्पर्कों को मजबूत कर सकें जो कि भारत और संबद्ध आतिथेय देश के बीच सद्भाव के सेतु के रूप में काम कर सकता है। जिन देशों में भारतीय मूल के लोग काफी बड़ी संख्या में रहते हैं, वहां सरकार ने कई सांस्कृतिक केन्द्र भी खोले हैं तथा उनके लिए छात्रवृत्तियां दी हैं । विदेश स्थित सांस्कृतिक-केन्द्रों के

कार्य-कलापों में हिन्दी अध्ययन भी शामिल है। सरकार ऐसी संस्थाओं और निकायों को प्रोत्साहन और समर्थन देती है जो भारतीय धर्मों, भाषाओं तथा सांस्कृतिक के प्रति विदेशों में जागरूकता पैदा करने और ज्ञान का प्रचार करने में संलग्न हों।

(ख) विदेश स्थित राजदूतावासों के कामकाज में हांलाकि प्राय: अंग्रेजी का ही प्रयोग होता है लेकिन इस बात की कोशिश की जाती है कि उनके रोजमर्रा के कामकाज में हिन्दी का प्रयोग बढ़े। विदेश स्थित भारतीय मिशनों के कर्मचारी हिन्दी जानते हैं जिससे वहां के भारतीय समुदाय के साथ सम्पर्क कायम रखने में सुविधा मिलती है। विदेश स्थित भारतीय मिशनों में ऐसे अधिकारी/कर्मचारी भी हैं जो अन्य भारतीय भाषाएं बोलते हैं जिनका भारतीय समुदाय के साथ सम्पर्क में उपयोग किया जाता है।

Racketeering in recruitment to Army and Navy

1275. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rampant racketeering in recruitment to Army and Navy exists, as reported in 'Telegraph' of 16th November, 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Zonal Recruitment Officer, Head Quarters, Calcutta, has stated that the situation in West Bengal is alarming; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to stop these malpractices in the recruitment to the Army and the Navy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) The article published in 'Telegraph' of 16th November, 1986 highlights the following aspects :—

(i) Production of fake and forged certificates by candidates at the time of screening for recruitment;

(ii) Operation of bogus recruitment parties; and

(iii) The activities of agents and touts outside the orbit of Recruitment Organisations.

The article also points out the difficulties faced by the local civil police in dealing with these cases effectively and expeditiously.

(b) and (c) No specific report from the Zonal Recruitment Officer, Calcutta, has been received. Keeping in view the various complaints received from public and press, effective steps have been taken to check the identity of the individuals and to inspect the documents at the Branch Recruitment Officers during initial screening to detect such cases. The second and more thorough check is again done when the recruits arrive at the Training Centres. The methodology for these have been laid down in great detail to be followed by each Recruitment Office and Training Centre. Certificates produced by candidates, if detected to be fake, are confiscated and the candidates are handed over to the police authorities. Information about touts and bogus recruitment teams are given to the Civilian Police for investigation and follow-up action. Wide publicity is given through the media to educate candidates that recruitment is open to everybody and is a free service and that they should not fall prey to unscrupulous elements.

Payment of Commission in HDW Submarines Deal

1276. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI :
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether he had stated that Government was making further inquiries into allegations that a huge commission was paid in connection with HDW deal for West German sub-marines;

(b) what are the findings in this regard and the follow-up action taken thereon; and

(c) what are the names of the front-concerns through which the actual recipients got the payments and the names and